



Delta Plan, recreation proposal top DSC agenda

The Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) will be meeting Friday, Aug. 26, in Sacramento to discuss the [fifth staff draft](#) of the Delta Plan and the California State Parks' recreation proposal for the Delta and Suisun Marsh. Other business includes a briefing on the Office of Administrative Law's regulation process. The full [agenda](#) is available on the DSC website.

Three agencies reach deal on schedule for BDCP reports

The California Natural Resources Agency, along with the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Commerce, have reached an agreement that will go toward ensuring a sustainable water supply for California and a healthy Delta ecosystem. They have come to terms on a schedule for completing an effects analysis and a combined environmental impact report/environmental impact statement as part of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) by June 2012. The [BDCP](#) website has more details.

Work is under way on construction of new Delta Discovery Center

Work is under way on the new Delta Discovery Center being built in Rio Vista. When completed, the two-story building will serve as an education center that will include a science playground, Native American village and farmer's market. More details and photos of the project are available [here](#).



\$205 million in grants awarded to 25 recipients by IRWM

DWR has announced the awarding of almost \$205 million in grants for the first round of the [Proposition 84 Implementation Grant Program](#). The funding is going to 25 applicants who submitted proposals to the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program. A [list](#) of the recipients is available on the IRWM website.

UN sponsored website features DWR's climate documentary

A website co-sponsored by the United Nations offers a wide variety of water-related news and information from around the world. [The Water Channel](#) is based in the Netherlands. Its video library includes the DWR documentary [A Climate of Change](#). The site also offers webinars and a list of projects from around the world that are dealing with pollution, integrated regional water management and other water issues.

DWR director chosen as keynote speaker for irrigation conference

DWR Director Mark Cowin will be the keynote speaker at the [Sixth International Conference on Irrigation and Drainage](#). The conference will be held Nov. 15-18, in San Diego. It is sponsored by the U.S. Society of Irrigation and Drainage Professionals. The [agenda](#) includes discussions of actions and consequences that come with achieving irrigation and drainage efficiency.

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